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WARD QUEENS OF THE GREEN AND GOLD BALL

Here are ten of the eleven Gleaners from whom the Queen of the Ball will be selected. The eleventh, Betty June Cummings of Berkeley, is absent. Each of these has been chosen to represent their respective wards.

Front row, left to right: Ellen Johnson, Napa; Wilma Gilbert, Vallejo; Norma Kest, Dimond; Bette Brummett, Elmhurst.

Back row, left to right: LeJeune Larson, Oakland; Shirley Dewsnup, Richmond; Helen Burdett, Claremont; Betty Brown, Alameda; Gerry Barney, Maxwell Park; Gwendolyn Millett, Hayward.

The annual social event of the year to which all other social events point is rapidly approaching. Already the various wards have selected their queens in anticipation of the time when, from them, the Queen of the Ball will be chosen. Conferring of this honor and coronation of the Queen will take place during the ball to be held, March 14, at the Scottish Rite auditorium, on the shores of Lake Merritt. The Green and Gold ball has evolved over the past fifteen years into a most beautiful and gala function throughout the Church. Oakland Stake has set a high standard of excellence for the occasion and each year seems to outdo the former. This year's function, under the direction of Oran Yorgason and Bert Orth of the Y.M. and Dorothy Killner and Helen Hinckley Jones of the Y.W., assisted by many others, promises to live up to all expectations. A new method of selecting the Queen will be employed, details to be announced later.

A CALL FOR HELP

This request for assistance in a special cause comes to you from your Stake Presidency.

Four small wards in the Oakland Stake are now struggling to finance the construction of chapels. They are: Alameda, membership 271; Claremont, membership 373; Hayward, membership 323, and Maxwell Park, membership 337.

The members of these wards have been working, some of them for years, to obtain a proper place in which to meet.

This appeal is sent to you in the belief that many members and friends would be willing to help by making a contribution to one or all of these wards.

The present need is for cash to help the wards raise their half of the cost. Opportunity to donate labor will be given at a later time.

A record of each donor will be preserved and encased in the cornerstone of each ward chapel. Let us make the list a long one. Our fellow members in these wards need our help now.

Please fill in the following blanks and mail it with your contribution to Eugene Hilton, President, Oakland Stake, 3918 Everett Ave., Oakland.

To the Presidency of Oakland Stake:

I am enclosing $..... as a contribution to the erection of a Ward Chapel for Alameda, Claremont, Hayward, Maxwell Park. (If you prefer that your contribution be made to a particular ward or wards please underline your preference.)

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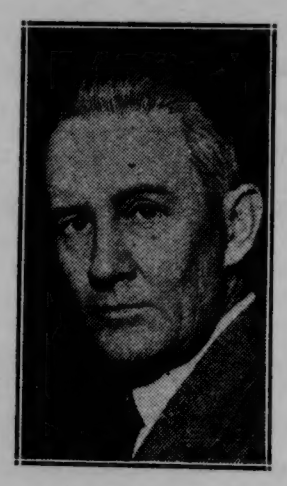
QUARTERLY CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED

By RUTH OSTEGAR

The need for new and larger Stake headquarters was strikingly evidenced by the most largely attended quarterly conference ever held in the city of Oakland, February 22, 23. Commencing with the Stake priesthood meeting held Saturday evening, the Oakland chapel was crowded, and for the Sunday sessions many had to stand and some were unable to get in. Visitors from Salt Lake City were Elders Sylvester Q. Cannon of the Council of the Twelve and Robert L. Judd of the General Welfare Committee.



Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon

A graphic film portraying the accomplishments and future objectives of the welfare program was presented at the priesthood session Saturday evening, accompanied with explanatory remarks by Elder Judd. Following this President W. Glenn Harmon spoke on the value of gospel knowledge in the life of a priesthood bearer, and Elder Ed. Kingsford reported on the progress of the Stake mission.

President Hilton was the first speaker at the Sunday morning session. He gave a brief report on the Stake's condition. He called attention to the fact there are many storms of many kinds abroad in the world; that in the Savior's parable on building one's house upon a rock, the Master's emphasis was not that the storms would not come, but rather that when they did come, the house should be built to withstand. Church records, he said, give an enlightening view on the spiritual houses people are building. According to those records Oakland Stake stands twenty-second in the Church, having 345 points of a possible 900. Sacrament meetings are attended by only 22 per cent of the membership; fast offerings per capita are 76; 52 per cent of the ward teaching is accomplished. The Stake missionary system is doing good work and there are in addition eleven full time missionaries in the field.

Sister Gwendolin Millet, of the Hayward

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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8—Alameda entertains; dinner by Gamma Rho Khi, Berkeley, benefit Temple excursion.

Friday eve., March 14—Stake Green and Gold Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Friday eve., March 21—Martinez entertains.

Saturday, March 22—Stake High Priests' Banquet, Berkeley.

Friday, March 28—Berkeley entertains; Hayward entertains.

Friday, April 4—Date open for ward affairs.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR MARCH, 1941

SECRET PRAYER

The soul with a broken heart, on bended knees, with head bowed reverently, cannot long remain in the shadows or the night of spiritual blindness. To pray in secret to our divine Father in Heaven brings solace to the aching heart, companionship to the lonely, assurance to the oppressed, light to the wayward, power to the weak, strength to the strong, and the calm conviction that God, our Eternal Father, lives and that Jesus is the Christ.

What a privilege to shut oneself away from the world and be with God alone in prayer! He knows us for what we really are and not for what we may appear to be. If we are righteous, He is happy. If we are sinful and we go before Him alone, and there in the language of the heart tell Him we love Him and we want His help in doing right, His divine emotions well up within Him, and in His unspeakable majesty and unqualified mercy He takes us in His arms, as it were, and we feel the warmth and infinite love of His holy person. He waits patiently, but anxiously, to breathe His divine essence into the human heart upon its contrite invitation. Oh, that all men could have this experience.

Secret prayer is the prayer of the heart. Its language is bathed in simplicity. We kneel before our Heavenly Father knowing that before, and as, we speak, He knows our every weakness and our every secret desire. We pray to Him in the light of this knowledge. There is no masquerade in secret prayer.

Upon the Mount of Olives, Jesus withdrew from among His disciples that He might pray in secret. His heart was heavy. His cross seemed unbearable. He desired so much to be alone with His Father.

Let the Saints everywhere pray in secret as well as in the family circle, and so teach their children. Let God be the confidant of every member of the Church, "and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly."

MORMON MALE CHORUS HONORS SOLOIST

In honor of Miss Olive Nielsen, many times its guest soloist, the Mormon Male Chorus staged a recital at the Berkeley chapel March 1st. The chapel was filled and thoroughly enjoyed the program of song furnished by Miss Nielsen. Her accompanist was Mrs. Fredone Nielsen. Karleton Driggs rendered three organ solos.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

GREETING:

We desire in this brief message to challenge you to a little thought—or shall we say *invite* you to consider earnestly, enlarge upon and apply to yourself the ideas sketched below.

How do you react to this statement from the Scripture, *"Blessed with commandments not a few"?*

Are you accustomed to consider the commandments of God as blessings? We hope that you are. To do so bespeaks a state of mind—or condition of the spirit—showing a willing and grateful acceptance of all that our wise and merciful Heavenly Father has permitted us to receive.

If in his wisdom he has entrusted us with many commandments, how much more are we blessed than are those who have received but a few or none at all. For after all, are not the commandments which He gives for the good of those who are blessed sufficiently to receive them? Is it not a rare privilege to receive divine guidance in our quest for the truth and the blessings which flow from obedience to it?

Contrast a Latter-day Saint who has disciplined himself and has "overcome the world" sufficiently to possess such an attitude as we are describing with one who receives the commandments of God with a doubtful heart and fulfills them grudgingly or not at all. How much further along the way to godhood is the one than the other? How much greater is the happiness and the advancement of the one than the other?

It is the essence of free agency, of liberty and of freedom to be able actually to decide one's own course and to follow it. A corrolary, however, to free agency is the responsibility that rests upon each of us for our individual acts. Every blessing of this present life, as well as salvation and exaltation hereafter, is predicated upon our willing and intelligent obedience to the law upon which it is predicated. "Where much is given much is expected."

Surely no people has ever had greater opportunity than ours to walk in the light that shineth in darkness! With our freedom of choice and the commandments before us this might at first thought appear easy to do. Actually for most people the fight to overcome and endure to the end is hard, but each success makes the next struggle easier. The blessings we seek can only be earned through effort. God gives no commandments beyond our ability to do them. The evil one is ever alert to turn us from the path of righteousness, and if possible destroy our very souls.

No one but ourselves can give the final answer to the above briefly sketched challenge—or invitation to consider. What is your answer?

Faithfully your brethren,

EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLENN HARMON,
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Hosts and Visitor

ward, who has recently returned from a mission to the New England States, next gave a very interesting report of her mission.

State Patriarch Wm. E. Potts, building his beautiful, spiritual sermon around the quotation, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) touched the keynote for the entire conference. "How many," he asked, "coming to conference today with heavy hearts, will leave with light hearts, secure in the fact that they have an opportunity to work out their problems with the help of God?" He went on further to say that too often we lose our tempers and become angry with people, and carry a grudge against them. But this is not the way to square accounts with life. Where much is forgiven, much joy is forthcoming. He gave the Savior as a shining example of one who forgave his enemies, and went about doing good, and sowing the spiritual seed of Heaven, which is love. Can we likewise say, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"? When people hate they turn away from the gospel of Jesus Christ. Holding a grudge will not enhance our progression and it will actually put off our resurrection. If our spirits control our bodies we are growing spiritually, but if our bodies are allowed to control, we grow away from God. In closing he promised us by virtue of his calling as a patriarch, that if we really seek God with a forgiving heart, we will be able to lay our burdens down.

The next speaker, Elder Robert L. Judd, asked the question, "Why do we meet, what is our purpose in attending conference?" and answered it thus: "We come to check our way of life, to see if we are improving." He said that he was recently asked the question if he thought our young people would survive to maintain the standards of the Church, or if these standards would be lowered as time went on. He answered the question by saying that this is not our work, but God's, and that we cannot lower His standards, and that our young people will carry on. He spoke of the recent juvenile crime wave throughout the Bay area, saying that it was his firm conviction that not much could be done to improve matters as long as the Savior is kept out of the picture. If somehow men and women could be made to see and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ, and get the real spirit of God, if they would take upon themselves the duties of the Church and keep the commandments of God, then there would be a real solution to the problem. He went further to say that a very substantial part of the people who have to be continually helped in the Church are people who have

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DIMOND WARD BISHOPRIC REORGANIZED

Having served four years as ward bishop and several years prior to that as counselor, Bishop Rufus O. Phelps of Dimond ward was released with a vote of thanks for his splendid service, February 2. Released with him were his counselors, Elders Knute Torgersen and Parley E. Fish.

Old Bishop—Now High Councilman

New Bishop

Sustained as the new bishop was Elder Lund O. Johnson, who up to that time was Stake Superintendent of M.I.A. Bishop Johnson chose as his counselors Elders Dennis Lauper and Glenn C. Rounds.

Retiring Bishop Phelps has had a long career of activity. In Dimond ward he became Sunday School superintendent in 1930, a Stake missionary in 1932. Before the latter year was over he was chosen as first counselor to former Bishop Serge Lauper, whom he succeeded in 1937 as bishop. But Bishop Phelps has not been allowed to become inactive. He was sustained at the recent conference as an alternate high councilman, to have charge of Stake welfare work.

The new bishop was born at Huntington, Utah, not so many (he won't say how many), years ago. He was educated at Provo, Utah, and at Logan, where during his last year he was president of the student body of the Utah State Agricultural College. After living a short time in Salt Lake City and Boise, Idaho, he came to California in 1934, first going to Stockton as a Pacific Coast manager of a milk plant. Since 1936 he has lived in Oakland, affiliated with Safeway stores as assistant manager of the creamery department. He has been active in M.I.A., serving first as counselor and then as superintendent in Oakland Stake.

Elders Torgersen and Fish, retiring counselors have both records of Church activity. The former was born in Oslo, Norway; his father and mother were converted while he was a child and took him to Salt Lake City as a lad of 3 years old. He came to California fifteen years ago, and has served his ward in various capacities. He will continue his activity as an assistant to Herbert Van Noy, superintendent of the Y.W.M.I.A. Elder Fish, born and reared a Catholic in Salt Lake City, is a graduate of All Hallow's College. His companions were all Mormon boys and with them he took part in many recreational activities. As a small boy he become popular in many wards as a one-man-band, playing the mouth organ, guitar or mandolin. He came to California seventeen years ago, and still affiliated with M.I.A. activities. Twelve years ago he joined the Church, and since then has always been active in some capacity. He has served in the Sunday Schools and also as M. I. A. superintendent.

The new counselors have likewise a record of activity. Elder Lauper, a native of Box Elder County, Utah, moved to California in 1929, to Ventura. While there he became one of the Church's first fifty-two Master M-Men. Since coming to Oakland he has been Stake

First Counselor

Second Counselor

M-Men president and has filled a two-year mission to Europe. In October, 1940, he was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Helen Froerer of Ogden, Utah. Elder Rounds, a native of Idaho, moved to Hayward in 1930. His first position in that ward was in the Sunday School, then he became counselor in the branch presidency. When Hayward became a ward, he was its first Sunday School superintendent. In 1939 he moved to Oakland where he has been doing Sunday School work, culminating as ward superintendent.

HIGH PRIESTS' BANQUET MARCH 22

The annual banquet of the High Priests' Quorum will be held this year in the Berkeley ward recreation hall, March 22, 6 P. M. sharp. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings, accompanied by music, readings and some (but very little) speech will be the order of the occasion. Following the banquet there will be dancing for all who desire.

It is expected that all High Priests and their companions will be in attendance, for there are still pleasing echoes from the occasion held last year. The usual price, 50c per plate, will cover everything. Tickets are available from the Quorum secretary, ward group leaders and bishops.

FINAL REPORT ON "BRIGHAM YOUNG"

Chairman O. Leslie Stone of the Stake finance committee has rendered his final report on the three-night benefit performance of the motion picture, "Brigham Young," by the Piedmont Theater. Slightly more than $400.00 has gone to enrich the Stake budget, after paying all taxes and expenses. The Stake Presidency and High Council wish to express their sincere thanks to Manager Thys Winkle of the Piedmont Theatre, whose generosity made this possible, and to Charles L. Taylor of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company, who furnished the tickets without charge.

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slipped in their Church work. Boys who stick to their priesthood classes, going from Deacon on up, develop an independence, which with the help of God enables them to meet their problems. He bore his testimony to the truth that if we live according to the gospel, God, with our help, will save us, and the next generation will carry on.

Apostle Sylvester Q. Cannon was the final speaker for the morning session. He told us that the Church is growing. That we now have 136 Stakes, and in the past year have had 30,000 new members. That the work is going on in Europe in spite of the removal of missionaries. He told us that the Lord is anxious to bless mankind, especially those who keep His commandments, he quoted, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," saying that therein lies blessings and promises. Every blessing that comes to us thus is a source of progression, bringing God nearer to us and us nearer to Him.

As the day before was Washington's birthday, he told us a little of Washington, and the wonderful example he set Americans. He said that Washington was an outstanding genius for patriotism, that he had loyalty, unswerving purpose, patience and self mastery, and selected good associates, which are necessary for good conduct. And that he continually strove to live as an example to people that the nation might become a rightful nation, unswerving in purpose. He exhorted us to follow the example of these great leaders, bringing out that in these troublesome times the Latter-day Saints should stand for high purpose, high qualities, and right living, for we will have to account for our lives. He told us that the Divine Being desires our progression through doing right, and that if we live in harmony with His purposes we will have joy, peace and happiness in the fulfilling of His commandments, and be known as "A people who desire to do right."

The special music for the morning session was furnished by Miss Olive Nielsen, who sang two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Fredone Nielsen. At the afternoon session numbers were rendered by Lolia Ashworth and Elder Ross Lynch.

First speaker for the afternoon was President Clyde J. Summerhays, who carried on the theme of the conference by saying that we are all striving for the celestial kingdom. He then read to us four promises that the scriptures give us, promises founded upon the proposition that we do our part in keeping the commandments of God. He pointed out the sacrifices that Adam, Abraham and many of the prophets of God were called upon to make, and asked what sacrifice is required of us. Tithing, he said, is the paying of our just debts, it is no sacrifice, but the real sacrifice expected of us is "A broken heart and a contrite spirit."

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The second speaker was High Councilman Leslie J. Stone, who spoke on faith. As examples of those who have great faith he cited: Moses, who led the children of Israel out of bondage, his faith being so great that even the waters of the Red Sea moved at his command; the officer in the New Testament who begged Christ to but say the word, and he knew that his servant would be healed; Joseph Smith, who appealed to God to know what church to join; and the L.D.S. pioneers whose great faith led them to follow their leaders into the great unknown land.

He further said that in order to retain faith we must keep in tune with God, and cited Judas as an example of one who failed in this respect, and also many members of the Church who lack the faith that keeps them working.

Patriarch I. B. Ball, the next speaker, eulogized our other patriarch, Wm. E. Potts, giving him as an example of a wholly spiritual man. He further told us that each of us has two natures, one good, one bad, between which there is a constant warfare within us, and gave us as a motto, "I will make myself obey me." He enlarged then upon self mastery, and begged us all to listen and become sensitive to our better nature and the spirit of God, as to be inspired is one of our greatest gifts. Just as a singer needs an accompaniment in order to keep in tune, so do we need accompaniments in keeping in tune with God, so we come to our meetings to hear the proper chords. Prayer also helps us to keep in tune, and the reading of the scriptures, especially, he pointed out, the Gospel of John, and Third Nephi have a wonderful message for us.

Elder Cannon, again occupying the pulpit, carried on in much the same strain as Bro. Ball. He said that he knew that the Adversary was very much alive today and trying to mislead us, and constantly besetting us with temptations, and leading men to unrighteousness and destruction. The Savior said to walk in the straight and narrow path. The other way is much the more popular however, but it is a way of sorrow and deception. If we desire to be lead of God and keep His commandments we will have power to overcome the adversary, to control our appetites, distinguish between good and evil. We shall be bound by the results of our acts, we have all received the blessing of the Gospel and it depends upon us as to how we shall make use of it.

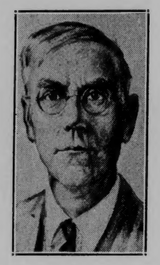
Elder Judd, in his afternoon sermon, brought to our mind the indignities that have been heaped upon the heads of many of our church leaders in the past, especially the late Apostle Reed Smoot, who, during his 30 years in the Senate of our country, met every accusation, stood strong, big and clean, an upright man of God. And ever continued to fight for righteousness. He brought out that many of our authorities give us all they have, day in and day out, year in and year out, their only objective being to build up the Gospel of Christ, to help us to carry on, and to teach boys and girls the truths of this gospel.

Final session Sunday evening was under the auspices of the M.I.A. A very fine program was rendered, highlighted by tableaus directed by Helen H. Jones, featuring the various activities of Mutual.

The conference saw some changes in organization of wards and Stakes. Three new bishoprics were ordained and set apart, reported elsewhere, and the superintendency of the Young Men's M.I.A. was released. New superintendent sustained was Elder LeRoi B. Gardner.

REED SMOOT PASSES

Reed Smoot, next to the oldest ranking member of the Quorum of the Twelve and a former United States senator, died at St. Peterburg, Florida, on February 9th.



Reed Smoot

Mr. Smoot was injured by a fall on a golf course in Utah last autumn and had never regained his health. At the time of his death he was at the home of his stepson, Dr. Walter T. Sheets.

Born in Salt Lake City, January 10, 1862 he was one of the leaders of Utah business for many years. His interests included livestock, mining and banking. He was a member of the United States senate for thirty years, from 1903 to 1933. As a senator he became chairman of the senate finance committee and the ranking member of the appropriations committee.

At the time of his election to the senate, he was already one of the twelve apostles and since his retirement from the senate, he has been active in that position.

Mr. Smoot married Miss Alpha M. Eldridge in 1884 and she died in 1928. In 1930 he married Mrs. Alice Taylor Sheets, who survives him. Besides his widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Chloe Cardon, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Zella Hardy and Mrs. J. W. Marriott of Washington, D. C.; three sons, Harold Smoot and Ernest Smoot of Washington, and Harlowe E. Smoot of Provo.

Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City and interment was at Provo, Utah.

FROM THE MESSENGER TEN YEARS AGO

Elder Melvin J. Ballard was the visitor at the conference held January 24-25, 1931. "The first hundred years have been wonderful—the second century will be equally glorious," was his theme, speaking of the life of the Church. "The second century will be the day of the Children of Israel—the sons of Aaron will come for their priesthood. The first was for the tribe of Ephraim, but now will come the day of the other tribes. The day of the Jews and Lamanites is here; they will come in by the thousands and millions. In Mexico and South America there are millions of Father Lehi's descendants now preparing for this Truth."

The west-bay Green and Gold ball of 1931 was held in the ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. A similar affair for the east-bay was announced for February 20th at the Alameda Hotel.

An article on the proper use of name and title from the pen of Eugene Hilton appeared in this issue. It will be reprinted in an early issue.

The Sunday school superintendency was reorganized. John Soelberg, superintendent, and Norman S. Fjelsted and Dr. C. S. Gardner, his assistants, were released. Sustained in their place were Golden K. Driggs, superintendent, and Claude H. Adams and David B. Haight, as assistants.

New arrivals in the Stake were Mr. and Mrs. Manton Moody of Salt Lake City, both of whom were former California missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harmon spent two weeks with the J. Edward Johnsons while Mr. Harmon was being admitted to the California bar. They returned to Utah for a short period before moving down permanently.

Miss Sarah Davey and Henry Neerings of Oakland were married in the Salt Lake Temple on January 20, 1931, to the surprise of their friends who had expected the event to take place in June. Miss Lorine Everett and Jack Powell were married by Bishop Eugene Jacobs of Oakland at the Everett home, January 31.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

On January 28 the Building Committee sponsored a dinner and dance at Masonic Hall for the benefit of the building fund.

The Sunday School and Mutual were both reorganized this month. David R. McCellean is the new Sunday School superintendent and his counselors are Bruce Willis and Johnnie Myers. The Mutual president is Richard Nelson. Bernard Stewart and Clyde Johns are his assistants.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers held their annual dance on February 4. The affair was carefully planned and was one of the outstanding social affairs of this winter.

On January 31, a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peterson was held at the home of the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were married December 28 in Springfield, Utah.

A farewell party was held recently in honor of David Graham, who has accepted a position at the government airport at Ventosa, Nevada. He left February 1 and planned a visit at Los Angeles and St. George before reporting for duty at his new work.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Boy Scout Week was honored by Elmurst ward by turning over the Sunday evening services on February 9 to the Boy Scouts. The boys had complete charge of the meeting, and the speaker of the evening was Ralph Hubbard of Oakland Scout Council.

The Relief Society gave a party in honor of all Visiting Teachers on the afternoon of February 12. And all the widows of the ward were guests of honor at a luncheon on February 11. Both occasions were greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Mr. Wm. C. Owens and family spent a weekend recently in the snow at Sequoia National Park.

A married People's party was given in Recreation Hall on the evening of February 21. The main feature of the program was a fashion show illustrating new spring styles for women, which was given by male members of the ward. There was also a skillful magician and a very good

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dancer on the program. The games which followed were exceptionally well planned. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served. A large crowd attended, and all pronounced it the best party of the season.

At the regular baptismal services for February there were three baptisms: Mrs. Ramona Earl, Gerald Marvin Smith, and Richard Lee Smith. Two babies, Charles Reed Vetterli, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch Vetterli, and Geoffery Charles Prosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arthur Prosser, were blessed at the fast services.

Mrs. Adrien Shipper has recently returned home from the hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Victor Ostegar of Clifton, Idaho, is visiting at the home of his brother, Oliver C. Ostegar.

PITTSBURG BRANCH

Services Held in Veterans' Memorial Hall

The Pittsburg Branch observed National Boy Scout Week with a special program held at the conjoint Sacrament meeting of February 8. The speakers were two Boy Scouts, Carlyle Hinckley and LaVar Dansie.

On February 15, the Sunday School sponsored a ward bazaar for the purpose of raising money for the building fund. Booths were placed around the hall at convenient places to sell pie, ice cream, candy, aprons and popcorn balls. There were many entertaining amusement features, also planned to make money. A delightful program was presented, followed by dancing. About two hundred fifty enjoyed the evening.

NAPA BRANCH

Services Held at Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Brown and Clay Streets

Officers of the M.I.A were sponsors at a Valentine dance given Friday evening, February 14, at the C. of C. Hall. Gay decorations of Valentine hearts were the work of Mrs. Anna Johnson and her assistants. A novel way of getting acquainted was used by drawing names from a Valentine box, the name drawn being the dancing partner. Light refreshments were served. A large crowd was in attendance.

Napa members are happy to welcome into their midst two full-time missionaries—Elder H. E. Bird of Malad, Idaho, who recently returned from Australia, and Elder A. Ivan Merrell of Blackfoot, Idaho, who has been laboring in the Redwood District.

Monroe Thomas is reported doing well after an operation for appendicitis, performed Sunday morning, February 16, at Victory Hospital at Napa.

A special all-day sewing day was held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Hazel Ferretta. A potluck dinner was served at noon and considerable work was accomplished.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

On February 15, at the Berkeley Chapel, Claremont ward held a very successful dinner and carnival for the benefit of the building fund. Each organization had a booth, among which were moving pictures, fortune telling, charts, bean bags, fish ponds, portraits and home-made bakery goods. The Relief Society was responsible for the dinner. Stanley Carr was general chairman of the affair.

The Relief Society bought a piano, which will greatly add to the enjoyment of the meeting on Thursdays.

Harold Gaisford has been appointed chairman of the Aaronic priesthood committee. David Gaisford is advisor for the Teachers Quorum and Boice Carr advisor for the Priests Quorum.

Dorothy Brown was released as activity counselor for the Y.W.M.I.A. and Elaine Jones has been chosen to fill that position.

January 16, at the Sacrament meeting, the bishopric furnished the program. The musical numbers, as well as the speaking, was done by members of the bishopric.

Sarah Carruth and Ruth O. Bowen have been guest speakers at the Relief Society meetings during the past month.

A group of ward women, under the leadership of Ellen Carr, paid a visit to the Stake welfare project.

Miriam Telford has as her guests her mother and father.

Anita Nelson is improving rapidly after an emergency appendectomy.

Miss Stuhr fell and broke two ribs. She is now doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burdett and son, Bobby, spent the week-end of February 23 with Bud and Marie Compton and son, George Richard.

The ward has received letters from George Badawin, Cleone Rogers and Warren Carr. They are all enjoying their work in the mission field.

A Priesthood quilt is being made by the Relief Society. The proceeds will go to the building fund.

A quilting party was held for Josephine Brawley, in appreciation for the ten-pieced quilt tops that she presented to the Relief Society, at the home of Lenore Wood.

The adult Mutual class was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heber Brown. Mrs. Kunzie, who is in charge of the Nursery School at Walnut Creek was the speaker.

Mildred Carr has been sustained as Relief Society chorister.

A special work and business meeting was held at the home of Hazel Burcher on February 11. Many lovely articles were made, including six baby quilts. There were twenty women present and a hot lunch was served by Delores McDougal, Viola Carr, Ellen Carr, Maurine Carr, Suey Thomson and Dorothy Orem.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Relief Society visiting teachers' training meeting was held Friday, February 7, at the home of Edith Stratford. The lesson, "The Democracy of the Priesthood," was given by Class Leader Sarah Standley. After the meeting, Mrs. Stratford served delicious refreshments and was presented with a beautiful table lamp for her new home by the group.

The Primary officers and teachers' training meeting and party was held January 24 at the home of Lorna and Zola Tittensor, with Mary Eckburg conducting. The coming conference was outlined. There were thirteen present. After the business session, lunch was served.

On February 8, the Boy Scouts gave a dance to obtain funds to purchase equipment for their summer camping trip. They were well supported and are very pleased with the progress they are making.

President Geo. E. Southgate and Robert G. Larsen were visitors at Vallejo ward Sunday evening, February 9. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Southgate and Miss Lucille Southgate.

Vallejo bishopric is very grateful to Bishop Norberg and Mr. Searl of Oakland ward for having the baptismal font ready for a special service which was requsted by a recent convert of our ward. Counselor Henry Neering was in charge of the services.

Sunday evening, February 16, we were happy to have as our evening speakers President Hilton and Don C. Wood, chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood Committee.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

Marie Grover's parents of Brigham City, Utah, were recent visitors at her home in Walnut Creek.

Jean Williams is around again after a recent operation.

Werner Van Dorp has been ill for some time.

There were seven Stake officers visiting at our Primary recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cottrell and Mrs. Mary Penrose of Ogden were recent visitors at the Cullen home.

On February 9, the Boy Scouts presented the program at Sacrament meeting. Jay Brown was in charge of the service. Three boys, Gale Roskelly, James Williams and Andrew Easton, were inducted into Scouting.

The Relief Society "Shadow party" was held February 12 in the Relief Society room. A large crowd was in attendance; shadows of the past year were revealed and names drawn for the coming year.

We welcome the John R. Hogle family of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to our ward.

The ward Green and Gold Ball and Valentine Dance was held February 14.

The Stake presidency and Stake clerk were visitors at our Sacrament meeting February 16. The bishopric was reorganized with Willard R. Knowles as bishop and Albert W. Guyman and William K. Skidmore as counselors. Le Grande Cook is ward clerk.

Bishop and Mrs. Willard B. Knowles entertained at a dinner party at their home February 19 in honor of retiring Bishop John T. Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guyman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Skidmore, Mr. and Mrs. Le Grande Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Easton were guests.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

On January 26, 1941, Sister Unity Farmer celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday. In honor of her birthday a few of her close friends had luncheon with her on January 29 and presented her with a lovely gift. The ladies thus honoring her were Ivie Breck, Beatrice Tribe, Rose Ogden, Katherine Norberg, Ella Bamber, and Sister Farmer's daughter, Bessie Brown.

At the Relief Society work and business meeting held January 13, Ruth Reed sang several beautiful vocal numbers. She was accompanied by Knell Bean. After this enjoyable program, a delicious luncheon was served.

During Scout Week, held from January 7 to January 13, inclusive, Troop 46 of Oakland ward had a window display at the White Cross Bakery and Scout Craft Day was held at An-

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drew Williams Store. Several of the Scouts were presented with badges during this eventful week. On January 22, Scoutmaster William Banks took the Scouts on a big snow trip to Cisco Grove, near the Auburn ski jumps.

The ward reunion will be held March 7. An interesting program is being planned and refreshments will be served, followed by dancing. It promises to be a grand reunion and all members of the ward are invited to attend.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Twilight Musical, under the direction of Mrs. Orthella Hughes, on the afternoon of February 9, was a delightful hour. The artists were Karleton Driggs, organist; Maxine Thomas, violinist: Hazel Driggs and LaVarn Thomas, soloists. The program, arranged in group numbers, was beautiful and well chosen.

The evening service of February 9, under the direction of J. E. Smith, in honor of Scout Week, was another inspirational service. Scouts David Cummings, Kenneth Lindsay, Bud Stone and Jim Watkinson assisted on the program. Dr. Knight paid a tribute of honor to Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting. Lynn Lawrence played two violin solos. She was accompanied by Helen Blair Clovis, who also accompanied LaGrande Anderson, who sang "Friend of Mine." The speaker was Principal Elwin Le Tendre of Berkeley High School. Scout Executive McLain awarded the Troop charter and membership cards to Troop committeemen.

A baby daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Byrne and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owens.

Lyle Coombs, who has left Berkeley to make her home in Fresno, was released as president of the Primary. Ann Sorenson has been named as the new president with Thelma Gardner first assistant, Bessie Braby second assistant and Verna Fullmer, secretary.

At a recent Sunday School adult class the following visitors introduced themselves: Mr. Ashworth of Provo; Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Mayhew and Mrs. Banford of Ogden; Mr. and Mrs. Andrews of Logan and Mrs. McIntyre of New Zealand.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Fanny Moody after an illness.

Betty June Cummings has been chosen as the Berkeley ward candidate for queen of the Green and Gold Ball.

On March 8, the Gamma Rho Chi girls are giving a dinner. The purpose is to raise money for their Temple fund. Every member of the ward is urged to be in attendance.

The Relief Society meetings are very interesting and worth while. Their program is a busy one with many new quilts in the making and a conference scheduled for the evening of March 16.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers are meeting with Helen Beuckers, Monday, March 7.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

On February 7, Gregg Segerstedt was called to Salt Lake City because of the death of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wallace stopped over in Oakland on their way home from Honolulu to visit with Mrs. Wallace's sister, Winnifred Phelps, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Smith are being congratulated on the arrival of their first little daughter, January 29. She will be named Carol Lynn.

The new Sunday School superintendency are Eldred Holdaway, superintendent, with Warren Burg first assistant and — Nichols second counselor.

Norma Kest was chosen queen to represent Dimond ward at the Green and Gold Ball.

The anniversary of the Relief Society will be celebrated with a special meeting Sunday evening, March 16; part of the program will be a dramatization written and directed by Ruth Hilton.

The Relief Society presidency have worked hard for weeks to finish new drapes and curtains for the Relief Society rooms, and for the new recreation hall. They were ably assisted by Herb Weiland.

The Ed Humphrey family is rejoicing over a new son, who arrived February 4. He will be called Barry Clayton.

The Y.M.M.I.A. has recently been reorganized with Herbert Van Noy, president; Knute Torgerson first and Eugene Hilton second counselor.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crockett, a son, David Sanders, December 14. Hayward.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wiseman, a son, Robert Rand, February 20. Hayward.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson, a daughter, January 24. Martinez.
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hogle, a son, January 24. Martinez.
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Hawkins, a daughter, December 4. Oakland.
Mr. and Mrs. Boyd C. Smith, a son, November 28. Oakland.

BLESSINGS:

Betty Jean McMann. Napa.
Dixie Lee Cardwell. Napa.
Carolyn Mufich. Napa.
Jean Lorraine Hatfield. Oakland.
Virginia Lee Hawkins. Oakland.
James Lee Hatfield. Oakland.
Charles Raymond Hatfield. Oakland.
Boyd Charles Smith. Oakland.
Betty Dianne Chapman. Berkeley.

BAPTISMS:

Nancy Ann Pitchforth. Oakland.
Paul Renshaw Solem. Vallejo.
Orlyn Kay Christofferson. Vallejo.
Donald Edward Nordstrom. Oakland.
Kenneth Kimpton. Vallejo.
Nancy Ann Pitchforth. Oakland.
Virginia Lee McMann. Napa.
Roberta J. McMann. Napa.
Robert Fredrick Cardwell. Napa.
Fredrick Jack Cardwell. Napa.
Gladys Luane Cardwell. Napa.
Cleta Mae Turner. Pittsburg.
Donald Elmer Dartnell. Pittsburg.
Beverly Jean Western. Pittsburg.
Norma Jean Turner. Pittsburg.
Patricia Joan Sorenson. Berkeley.
Myrl Deon Coltrin. Berkeley.
Joseph Giroux. Berkeley.
Audrey Stout. Berkeley.
Walter Linke. Berkeley.

ORDINATIONS:

Robert Jeffries, Deacon. Napa.
Samuel Jenkinson, Teacher. Martinez.
Raymond Aaron Dow, Priest. Vallejo.
Ivan Gruvman, Teacher. Vallejo.

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FEBRUARY 23:

Neuman C. Brown, Seventy. Elmhurst.
James Muir, Seventy. Elmhurst.
Sven L. Pearson, Seventy. Elmhurst.
Max E. McBride, Seventy. Alameda.
Vern Melvin Brown, Seventy. Alameda.
Reed Alva Goodpasture, Seventy.
Willard B. Knowles, Bishop of Martinez ward.
William Kenneth Skidmore, High Priest, Martinez.
Lund A. Johnson, High Priest and Bishop of Dimond ward.
Dennis Lauper, High Priest. Dimond.
Glenn A. Rounds, High Priest. Dimond.
Frank Leon Edlefson, High Priest and Bishop of Richmond ward.
Timothy Morley, High Priest. Richmond.
David Elmer Love, High Priest. Richmond.
Roylat T. Cox, set apart President, 247th Quorum of Seventy.

MARRIAGES:

Paul R. Carruth and Mavis C. Moody, February 19, 1941. Oakland.
Gilbert Peterson and Carma McCombs. Springfield, Utah.

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